



EPA Region 8 Montana Virtual Emergency Response Plan Workshop December 9, 2020

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS) are sponsoring a **free** one-day virtual workshop to assist community (drinking) water systems (CWSs) with developing or updating Emergency Response Plans (ERPs) in accordance with America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (AWIA) Section 2013(b). AWIA Section 2013(b) requires CWSs serving more than 3,300 people to develop or update ERPs that incorporates the findings of their risk and resilience assessment. The law specifies the components that ERPs must address and establishes deadlines by which water systems must certify to EPA completion of the ERP. This virtual workshop will provide a broad overview of the requirements and the new EPA ERP Template and Instructions that will assist water utilities with developing an ERP in accordance with AWIA Section 2013(b). The workshop will also provide more detailed information on specific response areas such as utility preparedness among others.

Who Should Attend: This virtual workshop is designed for CWSs serving greater than 3,300 people, but all state regulated Montana public water and wastewater systems are invited to attend. In addition, vendors and consultants, especially those who are assisting CWSs in achieving the requirements of AWIA Section 2013 can attend as well.

Montana water and wastewater operators will receive CECs for participating in this virtual workshop.

To register for the virtual workshop, please go to: the following registration website and click "Register":

<https://horsleywittenevents.webex.com/horsleywittenevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3c89bf93c4ab59c6ca7f147ae14f4d59>

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